

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A client computer includes a storing part  
storing a code which is obtained by reversibly  
compressing and coding an image according to a  
5 predetermined coding way having a hierarchy  
configuration from a reversible part through a non-  
reversible part; a altering part generating, from the  
code, a non-reversible code; a transmission part  
transmitting the either reversible or non-reversible  
10 code, or the image obtained from decoding the code, to a  
predetermined transmission destination; and a selecting  
part selectively performing transmission of the non-  
reversible or the reversible code, or the image obtained  
therefrom.